# THE CASE OF

## *The Three* French *Regiments, late under the Command of Major-General* Lameloniere, *Brigadier* Belcaſtel, *and the Right Honourable the Lord* Lifford, *formerly Brigadier* Ducambon, *Petitioners to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, Humbly offered to the Conſideration of this Honourable Houſe.*

YOUR Petitioners being all *French* Proteſtants Refugees, and having ſerved during the laſt War in *Ireland* and *Flanders*, with a Zeal ſuitable to the Gratitude they owe for that Protection they have received from the *Engliſh* Nation; This Honourable Houſe, out of a more particular Care for them, did by a * Reſolution of the firſt of *March* 1698, appropriate for Payment of their Arrears the Sum of 32551 *l.* 9 *s.* 5 *d.* part of the 800000 *l.* then granted by the † Act of Parliament for Payment of the Arrears due to the Forces in *Ireland*, which paſt the Royal Aſſent on the firſt of *February* before; notwithſtanding which, and contrary to the ſaid Reſolution, above one third part of that Mony was with-held from them, and diverted to other Purpoſes.

That this Honourable Houſe, upon their Application in the Years 1705, 1706, 1707, and 1708, being very ſenſible of the Grievances they had ſuſtained, of the Juſtneſs of their Demands, and the great Zeal they have ever ſince likewiſe ſhewn during this War in *Flanders*, *Spain* and *Portugal*, where moſt of them are actually ingaged in the Service of her Majeſty, cauſed ſeveral Bills at ſeveral times to be brought in for their Relief; but it appearing that their Accounts required too much time to have them ſetled, your Petitioners obtained an Addreſs from this Honourable Houſe to her Majeſty, to Command the Auditors of the Impreſt to State their Accounts, who on the 10th of *March* 1708, Reported the Sum of 11200 *l.* 13 *s.* 8 *d.* of the ſaid Arrears to be ſtill due; which Sum is ſince likewiſe found to be the Ballance of their ſaid Accounts, by the Commiſſioners appointed by Her Majeſty to State the Debts due on the Civil Liſt, *&c.* during the laſt Reign.

That the Non-payment thereof hath been a very great Hardſhip and Injuſtice put upon your Petitioners, contrary to the Expreſs Reſolution of this Honourable Houſe.

*All which we moſt Humbly offer to the Conſideration of this Honourable Houſe, That your Honours will be pleaſed to give them ſuch Relief as ſhall be agreeable to the Wiſdom and Juſtice of this Honourable Houſe, by cauſing their ſaid Arrears to be paid in ſuch manner as ſhall be moſt convenient.*

*And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, ſhall ever Pray,* &c.

* Vide *The Reſolution of this Houſe in* March, 1698.

† Vide *Decimo* Willi. *Tertio. An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty for Disbanding the Army, and other neceſſary Occaſions.*